

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, the last full paragraph, please amend as follows:

Figure 1 shows the line jlow which separates the groups of blacks GOB2 and GOB3 and the line jhigh which separates the groups of blocks GOB5 and ~~GOB5~~GOB6. In this case, the macroblocks between the lines jlow and jhigh can be used to estimate the motion of a macroblock at the top edge of the segment, i.e. a macroblock of the group GOB4. The distance between the line jlow and the synchronization signal Sync4 is fifteen pixels.